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1. THERE ARE FOUR ASIAN SEATS ON ECOSOC TO BE FILLED DURING 29TH GA, THOSE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY INDIA, PAKISTAN, CHINA, AND JAPAN. SAME FOUR STATES ALL CANDIDATES FOR REELECTION, INDIA AND PAKISTAN HAVING DRAWN ONE-YEAR TERMS BY LOT AT 28TH GA WHEN AMENDMENT ENLARGING ECOSOC BECAME EFFECTIVE. IN ADDITION, AFGHANISTAN AND PHILIPPINES HAVE ANNOUNCED CANDIDACIES, MAKING SIX ASIAN CANDIDATES FOR FOUR ASIAN SEATS. SO FAR, PREFERENCES OF ASIAN GROUP NOT INDICATED. WHILE DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO BE "FORTHCOMING", THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE IN PRESENT SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE REPLY AFGHAN NOTE WITH USUAL ASSURANCES OF "CAREFUL CONSIDERATION" AND REFER TO "USUAL PRACTICE OF US OF DEFERRING ITS DECISIONS ON ELECTIONS TO UN COUNCILS UNTIL PREFERENCES OF REGIONAL GROUPS DIRECTLY

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